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Dear Dr. Stuber and Members of the Committee:

I am what is classified as a new dentist. I graduated in 2010 from UNMC College of Dentistry with honors. I currently work in Bennington, NE and serve a wide variety of communities including Arlington, Blair, Fremont, and Fort Calhoun. I currently accept Medicaid and have multiple large holes per week in my schedule. Access to care is available in my office.

In 2012, I joined the Academy of General Dentistry as a member of their Board of Directors. As a new dentist, I was significantly overwhelmed by the vast amounts of knowledge needed to safely maintain a dental practice and looked to the AGD for guidance and additional training.

I will tell you with no reservations, that despite what public perception is, dentistry is not an easy profession. I studied long and hard to gain the skill set needed to safely treat patients. Every day I deal with situations that are uncomfortable and require great amounts of focus, patience, and knowledge.

I support the NDA/NDAA 407 application for a variety of reasons. With proper training, the new tasks awarded to dental assistants provide the dental team with flexibility and ability to meet the needs of patients.

Please remember as you evaluate proposals that DDS stands for Doctor of Dental Surgery. DMD stands for Doctor of Dental Medicine. The dentist as the head of the team should perform the irreversible procedures that carry substantial risk. Auxiliary tasks should be available to grow a career and keep the dental field strong with a core of willing, dedicated personnel.

Sincerely,
Brian B Penly DDS